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## NH's State Committee on Aging

### March 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Russ Armstrong, Norma Brettell, Candace Cole-McCrea, Richard Crocker, Larry Flint, Mark Frank, Herb Johnson, Bob Ritchie, Joan Schulze

**Excused:**, Rep. Susan Emerson, Sen. Molly Kelly, & Sherri Harden

**Guests:** Mary Ann Cooney DHHS, Rachel Eichenbaum New England QIN-Q IO, Sandra Meteivier NH Health Families, Jeffery Myers DHHS, Tracey Tarr DHHS, Roger Vachon Engaging NH

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Mark Frank. Attendees introduced themselves.

Motion to approve the February 1, 2016 meeting minutes, motion was approved.

Jeffery Myers – Commissioner of DHHS – (BIO) Legal counsel for Governor Lynch from 2009 to 2013, came to DHHS in 2013.

He developed a new wavier for the Medicaid program that would take advantage of some opportunities to leverage federal funding for programs for the folks in NH. Once the NH health protection plan was he was ask to oversee the implementation of the plan. Wavier 1115 is a section of wavier that provides the secretary the authority HHS to grant the program, it's a 5 year program, its \$30,000 dollars a year that will strengthen NH behavioral health including individuals coming in and out of nursing homes. There are several public meetings being held across the state about the 1115 wavier. This is a program for people who are aging with behavioral health problems. The money that the state will be drawing down will be getting matched and can be used to not only pay for medical services, but it can also go to pay for social determination of health. The money will go into a fund and the state will award the money to delivery networks, they are groups of providers both medically and social service. The state will be craved up into 7 different regions to help measure the outcomes for the population that are receiving these services. Applications will be taken from one or more integrated delivery networks, which comprise of hospitals, community mental health centers. Hopefully in the middle of July these networks will be identified so the money can start going out then.

Rachel Eichenbaum – Medicare created Quality improvement organizations (QIO), one per state. Northeast Healthcare was the QIO for New Hampshire. Medicare decided to regionalize the QIOs. Now, all the quality organizations for the 6 New England states form

the New England QIN-QIO (NE QIN-QIO). Rachel works for the NE QIN-QIO as the project coordinator for the Diabetes task. One part of Rachel's task is to help New Hampshire Medicare and dual eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) recipients who have Diabetes, live healthier lives. Baseline 36,000 people have diabetes in NH; percentage of obese people has gone up. And with this increase there are probably a lot of people that are pre-diabetic that don't know it. 65 and older 1 in 4 are diabetic, 2 out 4 are pre-diabetic. Medicare chose to use Stanford University's Diabetes Self-Management program to help their recipients become better self-managers. Stanford University created a chronic disease program starting with arthritis as the main focus. Then, Stanford developed a Chronic Disease Self-Management program similar to the arthritis program. After doing research, Stanford developed the Diabetes Self-Management program. This program is intended for people living with pre-diabetes and diabetes. Caregivers of people with diabetes are also welcome. The program is 2 ½ hours a week for 6 weeks. The program is free to all participants and includes a resource book. Medicare pays for the program.

#### Current Business and Updates:

##### Legislature – Rich

SB 553 – Relative to implementation to of the Medicaid manage care program and declares that step2 of the program shall not be implemented until July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 and until it is approved by the legislative fiscal committee. Hearing will be on the following week. SCOA will support this bill in writing and in person and the letter will be submitted for evidence at the hearing.

SB 364 - Establishing a committee to study the feasibility of incorporating complete streets into the 10-year transportation improvement plan. Passed the Senate and is now in the house.

SB 395 - Relative to minimum housing standards for tenants with health or respiratory issues. This bill has been referred to study.

SB 426 - Establishing an end of life choices study commission, Rich sent an email to the chair, and as of to date he has not heard back from them.

SB 432 - Relative to itemized bills for medical services. This has been heard in the Senate.

SB 434 - Relative to prior authorizations for prescription medicine. Referred to interim study.

SB 471 - Relative to persons parking with disabilities.

SB 491 - Relative to Medicaid home health care services. Senate should pass.

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HB 1138 - Relative to access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices. Due out of committee and voted on 3/9/16.

HB 1165 - Changing "incapacitated" to "vulnerable" in the adult protective services laws. The House will vote on 3/9/16.

HB 1180 - Relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service. Majority voted to inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1257 - Relative to revocation or suspension of a driver's license because of physical impairment. Inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1310 - Establishing a commission to study health care for all residents of New Hampshire. Referred to interim study.

HB 1316 - Relative to hospital rates for self-pay patients. This should pass.

HB 1378 - Relative to disabled voters requiring assistance. This should pass with amendment.

HB 1407 - Establishing a property tax credit for persons providing certain home health care services for a family member. Inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1696 - Requesting a modification of the New Hampshire health protection program. Voting on this on 3/9/16.

Medicaid Managed Care is tabled for the next meeting.

Oral Health is tabled for the next meeting.

Commission Study on Mental Health is tabled for the next meeting.

Vaughn Awards – Roger is still waiting on final submission on nominations. Deadline is 3/11/16 for submissions.

### **County Updates**

Sullivan county Servicelink will resume meeting this month with a new chairman. They are having a problem finding a new place to meet. They are looking at a few options.

Membership – Mark is meeting with Jennifer Kusma and Catherine George Director of Appointments, Liaison to the Executive Council, Office of Governor Maggie Hassan. They will discuss the process of filling the empty positions on the committee.

Mark place an advertisement in Aging Issues for new member for SCOA. We have 15 governor appointed positions and only 10 filled. We can do more with more.